



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David R. Maas, et al.
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Art Unit : 3671
Examiner : Victor D. Batson

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed May 10, 2005, applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiments of an apparatus for aerating soil. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants note a typographical error in the Office Action's identification of the claims. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application, not claims 1-21.

Separately, Applicants respectfully disagree with the characterization of the claims of Group II. Presently nonelected claims 18-23 are not necessarily limited to embodiments of a soil aerator system adapted to be coupled to a vehicle, as there is no description of such a vehicle in those claims.

Extension of Time

The mailing date of the Official Action is May 10, 2005. A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, thereby extending the date for timely response to July 11, 2005 (as July 10 falls on a Sunday). Please apply any additional charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06 1050.

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